

## .08 Supplemental Security Income

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Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is monthly cash payments made under the authority of Title XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended. SSI payments are made to persons who are aged, blind or disabled. SSI is a federally financed public assistance program. The person who receives SSI need not have contributed to the Social Security Fund to be eligible for SSI benefits.

### CA EXCEPTION

SSI payments are not countable.

When a participant does not receive the [SSI maximum benefit amount](#), the worker must determine whether benefits are being recouped from their SSI to collect an overpayment.

An overpayment for an SSI recipient is verified through an interface with one of the following:

- The HEAplus State Online Query Internet (SOLQI) Response Data Summary  
See the [SOLQI Desk Reference Guide](#) located in the FAA Policy Support SharePoint Site Doc Library for guidance
- Wire Third Party Query Information (WTPI) (See [WTPI](#) for procedures)

When it is determined that an overpayment exists, count the SSI payment as follows:

- Count the gross income when an overpayment is not being deducted for an SSI overpayment (e.g., an overpayment being collected to pay other SSA benefits or Veterans Benefits.)
- Count the net income when an overpayment is being deducted for an SSI only overpayment

An organization may receive a fee to act as a representative payee for an SSI recipient. When this occurs, deduct the fee from the gross income. The amount of the fee is not countable.

Count SSI benefits paid to a representative payee on behalf of a participant when one of the following occurs:

- The payee lives with the budgetary unit
- The payee lives outside the home and makes the income available for the support of the participant (See Example [Representative Payee](#))

NOTE The SSI benefits do not need to be given directly to the budgetary unit by the payee but must be used to provide for the needs of the participant to be countable.

Key the SI Unearned Income Code in the INC TYPE field on UNIC.